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SUBJ: NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT
NETO IN LUANDA

REF: LAGOS 1497

1. TODAY'S PRESS REPORTS THAT NUSA MUHAMMADU BELLO HAS PRESENTED
HIS CREDENTIALS AS NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO MPLA GOVERNMENT IN LUANDA.
APPARENTLY CEREMONY TOOK PLACE LAST TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 ILJES
PALACE IN LUANDA, WITH NIGERIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY LT. GENERAL
O. OBASANJO (REFTEL) IN ATTENDANCE.

2. WRITE UP INDICATES BELLO, WHO HAS BEEN SERVING AS DIRECTOR
MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ASIA DEPARTMENT AND WHO WAS SLATED TO
BECOME NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN OTTAWA, SPOKE IN PORTUGUESE
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AT CEREMONY, """"A FEAT WHICH DREW A WARM APPLAUSE (SIC)

FROM PRESIDENT NETO." MPLA LEADER EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO
NIGERIA FOR LATTER'S "CONCRETE MATERIAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT."
NETO ALSO SAID HE HOPED THAT NIGERIA AND ANGOLA TOGETHER COULD
".....PUSH BACK THE FRONTIERS O RACISM AND COLONIALISM."

3. "DAILY TIMES" ADDS THAT BULLO APPOINTMENT AGAIN RAISES
QUESTIONS ABOUT PRESENCE BRIGADIER (RET) ADKUNLE ON NIGERIAN
DELEGATION.
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